

CARES AWARD ACT SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

ABOUT CSBG

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) provides critical funding to combat the causes and conditions of poverty in every state and 99% of America's counties. This highly flexible and critical funding supports CSBG Eligible Entities (also known as Community Action Agencies) who are on the front lines of responding to America's COVID-19 pandemic.

CSBG FUNDS

CSBG Eligible Entities in your state use CSBG on critical poverty-fighting activities and to serve as conveners and leaders in community initiatives to address the root causes of poverty.



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Overview: The CT CSBG Network received a \$12,041,291.00 million supplemental appropriation in the CARES Act to enhance poverty-fighting efforts at this critical time. These funds will help your state respond to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on people with low incomes.

Per the CSBG Act, states are required to pass through 90% of their allocation to local CSBG Eligible Entities. States may retain up to 5% of their award for state administration costs and may use any remaining funds for discretionary projects that align with the purposes of CSBG.

Services and Target Population:

Services shall be offered to address a variety of economic and social service supports to help participants who meet the eligibility requirements address the consequences of increasing unemployment and economic disruption as a result of COVID-19; and to assist individuals and households impacted directly or indirectly by the virus to successfully quarantine and self-isolate to prevent the further spread of COVID-19.

- Examples include, but are not limited to, resources and services to improve and address: employment status; housing stability; medical needs; loss or reduction of income; food insecurity; the ability to social distance while in the community; and the ability to successfully quarantine and self-isolate.
- Emergency Assistance Financial Fund
- Income eligibility requirements: Income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level.

PROGRAM CATEGORY	March 27, 2020 – September 30, 2022 (FFY 2020) Proposed Expenditure
Grants to Eligible Entities	\$10,837,162
Discretionary Programs	\$602,065
Administration	\$602,064
TOTAL	\$12,041,291.00